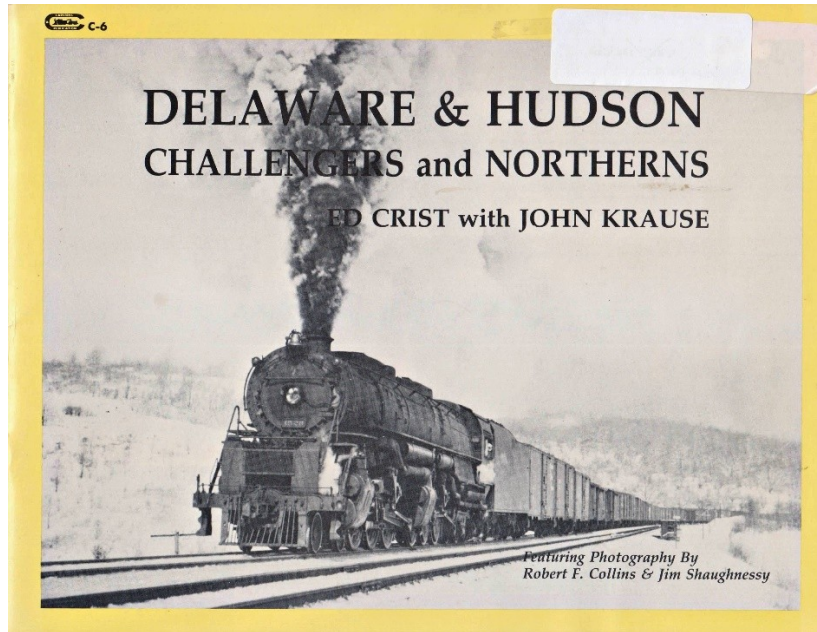




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“Delaware & Hudson Challengers and Northerns by Ed Crist and John Krause, Challenger Text and Northern Text by Alvin K. Traz and G. M. Heathcliff, featuring photography by Robert F. Collins and Jim Shaughnessy. This is a superior book in every way. Eighty pages, over 175 photos of Challengers and Northerns, all with detailed captions. The text of the book by Alvin K. Traz and G. M. Heathcliff is excellent. The book was copyrighted in 1980 and it is now probably out of print. You might be able to find it in a railroad bookstore or a hobby shop that sells railroad books. If you ever see a copy of this wonderful book for sale, buy it. You’ll be glad you did.”

More about Ed Crist (Facebook, September 5, 2022):

The Edward J. Crist Collection of Orange County Railroad History contains artifacts showcasing the importance of Orange County’s railroads and how they influenced the Hudson Valley’s industrial development:

<https://alexprizgintas.com/orange-county-railroad-history/> . A large portion of the collection features over 1,000 documents, postcards, and images of local railroads from the mid-nineteenth century to the present day. In addition to paper materials, the collection also contains a large number of artifacts including railroad signage, over twenty lanterns, period dining car china, antique railroad tinware, and more. Some examples featured are a sign from the Erie Railroad’s Harriman, NY station, concrete whistle and mile markers from the Erie Railroad’s Newburgh Branch, a large variety of “summer homes” vacation guides from the New York, Ontario & Western Railway, and a one-of-a-kind banner from the New York, Ontario & Western Railway’s Veterans Association.

Edward J. Crist was a resident of Orange County, New York and a historian of railroads in the tri-state area. Growing up in Cornwall, Ed was first employed by the Lehigh & Hudson River Railway Company of Warwick, NY before publishing his first book, *The Final Years: New York, Ontario & Western Railway*, in 1977. Both on his own and with fellow railroad historian John Krause, Ed continued to author several works including *Delaware & Hudson Challengers & Northerns*, *Erie Memories*, *Lackawanna Heritage*, *Lehigh & Hudson River Volumes I & II*, *Lehigh & New England*, and *Susquehanna*. After his passing in 2018, I was honored to inherit Ed’s sizable collection of documents pertaining to Orange County railroads as well as his own work as a railroad historian.